

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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301 Romeo, LLC :  
t/a Romeo & Juliet : Protest  
Hearing :  
301 Massachusetts Ave. NW : (Status)  
Retailer CR, ANC 6E :  
License No. 92684 :  
Case No. 13-PRO-00136 :  
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New Application :  
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Wednesday,  
November 20, 2013

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Ruthanne Miller, presiding.

PRESENT:

- RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson
- NICK ALBERTI, Member
- DONALD BROOKS, Member
- MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

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P R O C E E D I N G S

9:39 A.M.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good morning.

I'd like to welcome you to the regularly  
scheduled meeting of the District of Columbia  
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Today is November 20, 2013. My  
name is Ruthanne Miller. I am the chairperson  
of the Board. To my far right is Mr. Donald  
Brooks. To my immediate right is Mr. Nick  
Alberti. And to my immediate left is Mr. Mike  
Silverstein. The Board has four members in  
attendance for conduct of business this  
morning with three constituting a quorum.

Copies of today's hearing calendar  
are at the receptionist's desk. Please be  
aware that these proceedings are being  
recorded by a court reporter. Accordingly, we  
must ask you to refrain from any disruptive

1 noises or actions in the hearing room. If you  
2 have any electronic devices, pagers, cell  
3 phones and such, please make certain that  
4 they're turned off to avoid any interruption  
5 of the proceedings.

6 When I call your case, please come  
7 forward and take a seat at the table. You'll  
8 note that there is a piece of paper on each  
9 table for you all to sign in and that's to  
10 ensure that we get the correct spelling of  
11 your name for the record.

12 The Open Meetings Act requires  
13 that the public hearing on each case be open  
14 to the public. The Board may, consistent with  
15 Section 405(b) of the Open Meetings Act, enter  
16 into a closed meeting during or after the  
17 public hearing on a case to consult with an  
18 attorney, to obtain legal advice, discuss  
19 settlement agreements, or deliberate upon a  
20 decision in an adjudication proceeding.

21 So now we're ready to turn to our  
22 morning's calendar. The first case on the

1 calendar is Case No. 13-PRO-00136, Romeo &  
2 Juliet, located at 301 Massachusetts Avenue,  
3 N.W., License No. 92684 in ANC 6E. This is a  
4 Protest Status Hearing regarding a new  
5 application.

6 MR. KLINE: Good morning, Andrew  
7 Kline on behalf of the Applicant, Mr.  
8 Sequeira.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good morning.

10 MR. KLINE: Spell your name for  
11 the court reporter.

12 MR. SEQUEIRA: Diego Sequeira, S-  
13 E-Q-U-E-I-R-A.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And are you  
15 the owner?

16 MR. SEQUEIRA: I'm one of them.

17 MS. WIRT: I'm Karen Wirt, W-I-R-  
18 T, ANC Commissioner.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

20 MR. KLINE: Madam Chair, at the  
21 outset I'd note in the D.C. Register and this  
22 was published as a new application,

1 substantial change without Board's approval.  
2 That's obviously an error and I would just ask  
3 that the agenda be corrected. I don't know if  
4 it was in the posted agenda, but that's how it  
5 was posted in the D.C. Register.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The error  
7 being the substantial change or what?

8 MR. KLINE: Yes, it's a new  
9 application. It's not a substantial change.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right, it's  
11 new. Okay. That's noted. Our general  
12 counsel is here also listening. We'll take  
13 care of that.

14 Any other issues?

15 MR. KLINE: None that I'm aware  
16 of.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Then this is  
18 set for a protest hearing, December 11, 2014  
19 at 1:30 p.m. I just want to make a few  
20 remarks for the record and for your benefit,  
21 that you should have received a mailing from  
22 Tesha Anderson explaining the protest process

1 and a copy of the protest information form.  
2 If you don't have these documents, please see  
3 her. The protest information form is to be  
4 submitted to the Board and all the parties  
5 seven days before the day of the hearing and  
6 needs to contain your witnesses and your  
7 articulation of the issues. This is very  
8 important for the focus of the hearing and if  
9 you don't file these in time, your case may be  
10 subject to dismissal of your application. So  
11 just pay very much attention to that deadline  
12 and that form.

13 Any questions?

14 MR. KLINE: None, thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you  
16 very much.

17 MR. KLINE: Thank you.

18 (Whereupon, at 9:41 a.m., the  
19 Protest Hearing (Status) was concluded.)

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